REMARKS

Claims 12-14, 17-25, and 27-31 are pending in the present application. No claims have been added. No claims has been canceled. Therefore upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 12-14, 17-25, and 27-31 will be pending.

Claims 12-14, 17-19, 21-24, 27, and 29-31 have been allowed.

Claims 20, 25, and 28 have been objected to.

The Examiner has pointed out some informalities in the application. Applicant's wish to thank the Examiner both for the allowable subject matter and pointing out the informalities in the application. Applicant has Amended specification to correct the informalities, but not as cited by the Examiner in the Ex-Parte Qualyle Action.

The paragraph [] notations are to the published application US2002/0110085

- [0074], 1st line: TCPP₁ should read TCPP₀, as the index for TCPPs starts from 0.
- [0074], 2^{nd} line: At the end of the equation, add "1 \leq M \leq 7". [Note that the equation applies to the case where M = 1.]
- [0075], 1st line: TCPP₁ should read TCPP_i, which was what appeared in our application submitted to the patent office.
- [0076], 2nd line: TCPP₁ should read TCPP₀, which corresponds to the special case called out in item 1.
- [0087], 1^{st} line: TCPP₁ should read TCPP₀, for the same reason as noted in item 1.
- [0087], 2^{nd} line: At the end of the equation, add " $1 \le M \le 7$ ".
- [0088], 2nd line: At the end of the line (after "Z"), add "+1", as the TCPP index starts at 0.
- [0090], 2nd line: TCPP₁ should read TCPP₀, which corresponds to the special case called out in item 5.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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